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ALLEN'S DESCRIPTIVE PRICE-LIST

OF


Choice Strawberry Plants

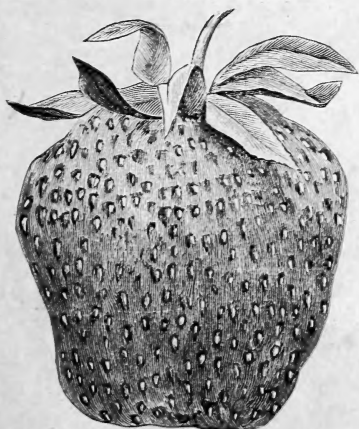
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W. F. ALLEN, JR.,

THE PENINSULA PLANT AND TRUCK FARM,

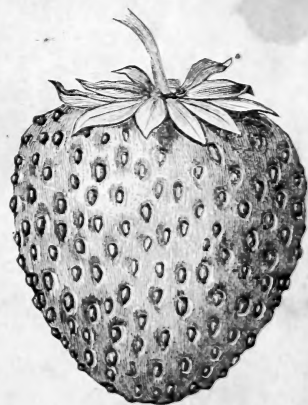
SALISBURY, MD.

 For choice plants, carefully packed, and at fair prices, I solicit the patronage of all intelligent growers; for common stock, at very low prices, "write to that other fellow."



MRS. CLEVELAND.

*If you receive
two
catalogues,
kindly
hand one to
your
neighbor.
Please
send me the
address
of
your friends
who grow
strawberries,
and I will
send them too
my
catalogue
free.*



FLORENCE.

TO MY PATRONS.

LIKE the good deacon who rose to speak in meeting, I want to say a few words before I begin. I request you to read this catalogue through carefully before asking any questions. You may save yourselves some postage and me some unnecessary correspondence by doing so.

I have gained my present custom by sending good plants, true to name, liberally counted, well packed, and warranted to reach their destination in safety. This year I have a finer stock than ever before. During the past season I have discovered what I consider to be perfection in packing plants to be sent by express.

I grow no other stock except strawberry plants, and grow them for the plants and not for fruit. In short, the growing of strawberry plants for sale at wholesale and retail is my business, and I feel confident that I can give better satisfaction than growers who make them of secondary importance. It is my sincere wish that every transaction should be to the advantage of the buyer as truly as to myself.

My shipping facilities are very good. I have special rates with the United States and Adams Express companies, and will ship by these companies unless otherwise directed. In ordering plants by express, please name the company by which you wish them shipped.

Remit by money order on Salisbury, Md., by registered letter, by check, or by express; postage stamps taken for fractional parts of a dollar.

All who receive this catalogue are requested to send me the names of any friends or neighbors who would be interested in it, that I may send them copies.

✦ THE STRAWBERRY. ✦

Of all the fruits which a bounteous nature has provided for the use of man, none, I think, contains so many charms as the strawberry, none so early fills the requirements of a universal favorite.

Coming at a time of the year when the human appetite is in its most capricious state, when the long months of absence of nearly all fresh fruit had created a peculiar craving for it, the strawberry fills a want which but for it would of necessity remain unsatisfied. Perhaps this want makes it more highly prized than otherwise it would be. Still, I cannot believe it would take a lower place if it came at any other season of the year. It is to fruits what the rose is to flowers; not so conspicuous as some, not so hard to grow as some, but still the queen. So beautiful in form and color as to be an ornament to any table, so fragrant as to please the most fastidious nostril, in flavor so delicious and in healthfulness so good as to appeal to the most capricious taste or delicate stomach, it comes as a welcome visitor to the housewife, epicure and invalid, and grieves no one unless it be the doctor.

But not all its charms are in the eating of it. No branch of horticulture offers more inducement than the growing of strawberries. Thriving more or less on any soil, in any place from Newfoundland to California, it still repays high culture as well as any fruit grown in this latitude. Requiring neither much land, expensive tools, much capital, nor much physical strength, its culture recommends itself at once to poor men who have small places, city men who long to break loose from the desk and delve in Mother Earth, old men, women, boys and girls—all, indeed, who love to till the soil, to watch the growth of plants, study their habits, supply their wants, and reap their fruits. Sure to grow, almost equally sure to sell at paying prices, exhausting neither to the land nor the grower, but leaving both richer than it found them, this fruit offers to those who raise it employment at once pleasant, easy, refining and profitable, and an opportunity for doing good by giving work to many a child and woman and by sending health and happiness wherever they send their berries.



LOVETT'S EARLY was a chance seedling (believed to have descended from the Crescent crossed with the Wilson) that was discovered in Kentucky in 1855, near the place of origin of Charles Downing, Kentucky and Downer's Prolific. Both in Kentucky and New Jersey the variety has been tested by the side of all the best varieties in cultivation, upon poor soil and without fertilizers, and in every instance it has given results surpassing by far all others, responding to good soil and culture as generously as any variety I know. In earliness it is second only to Crystal City (that little extra early sort being but two or three days in advance of it), and in productiveness it excels all other varieties I have ever fruited, and succeeds everywhere, even upon poor, light land. I do not claim for it mammoth size, but that it is above medium, averaging large and very uniform, holding its size to the close of the season better than other varieties—by reason of its foliage maintaining perfect health and vigor until all berries have ripened. The berries color all over at once, never with a green tip; seldom illshaped and never coxcombed.



Michel's Early.

MICHEL'S EARLY is the earliest variety of strawberries in cultivation that will produce a full crop of berries. Vigorous grower; size above medium, and quality the best.

The Michel's Early strawberry is an accidental seedling, first discovered by Mr. Michel, of White county, Ark., in the spring of 1881, among a lot of seedlings gathered by him in a place where he had thrown out a lot of strawberry pulp the previous year. It showed remarkable thriftiness from the very start. By its strong, healthy and vigorous growth, it attracted Mr. Michel's attention, and he has been propagating and testing it ever since, it proving itself of more and more value every year, by being two weeks earlier, a stronger grower, a perfect blossom, and as productive as the Crescent.

The above good points induced Mr. Michel last year to plant of it largely, for the purpose of giving it a thorough test and determining its last and best value, by putting it on the market under its own name. There it reached the climax. Think of it! only two and one-quarter acres of Michel's Early strawberries, planted the last week in June, 1888, which netted, by the end of May, 1889, **\$1,300**. Such a record was never made, perhaps, by any other berry under similar circumstances; and the prices for which they sold are, likewise, unparalleled. First crate was shipped April 14th, and continued for six weeks, some shipments selling as high as \$8 per twenty-four quart case, and none less than \$3.25. Following are some of the St. Louis daily market reports:

Michel's Early (Continued).

APRIL 24TH.—Sales were at \$4 for six-gallon case Scarlets; \$5 to \$6 for Crystals and Crescents; \$6 to \$6.50 for Michel's Early, the latter a new, fancy, large variety introduced from Arkansas, which matures two weeks earlier than other varieties.

APRIL 26TH.—Arkansas berries generally in good condition, selling at \$4 to \$4.50 for Scarlets, \$5 to \$5.50 for Crescents and \$6.50 to \$7 for Michel's Early.

We refer you to the above plain facts in evidence of the high reputation of the Michel's Early as a good market berry.

~~RE~~ Last year I again came in possession of some St. Louis market reports, of which the following are fair samples:

Arkansas berries generally in good order, and sold at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per six-gallon case for Scarlets, and mainly at \$4 to \$4.50 for other kinds; some fancy Michel's Early brought more. Tennessee stock fair and sold for \$3 to \$4 per six-gallon case, and Mississippi berries \$2.50 to \$4 per case.

The receipts of Michel's Early variety, shipped by the Michel's Early Strawberry Plant Co., which are arriving in good order, sold to-day at \$5.50 per six-gallon case.

In answer to an inquiry as to the merits of Michel's Early, directed to a commission house that has been handling the fruit, I have the following:

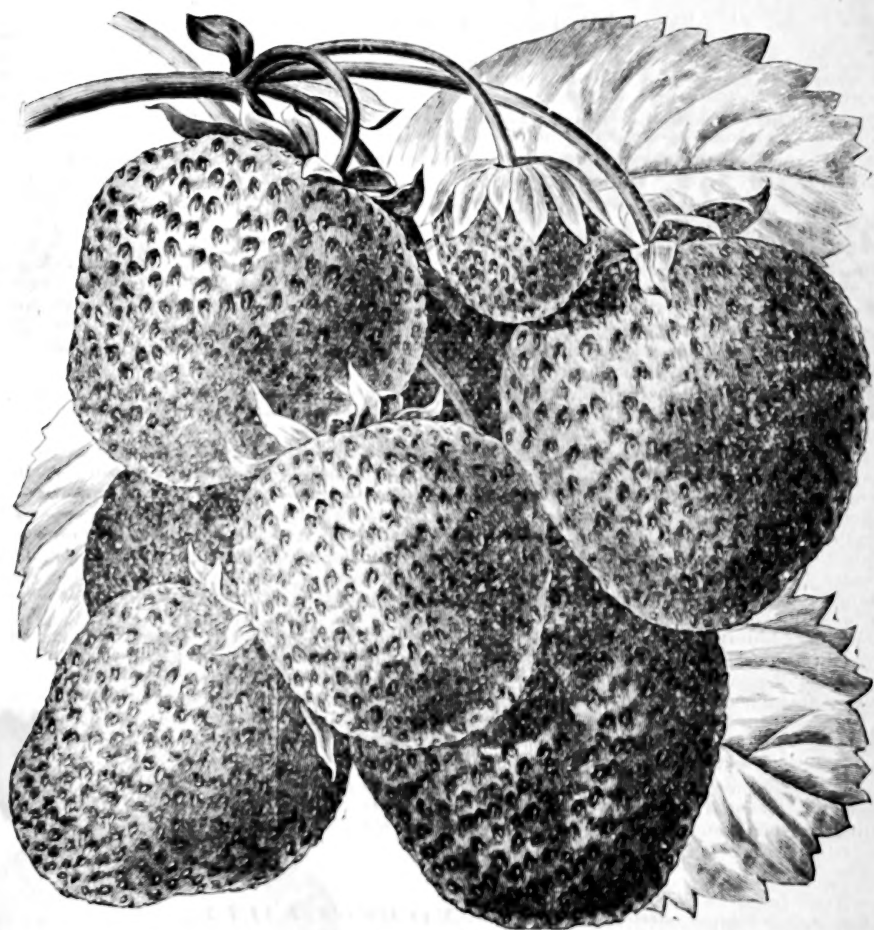
ST. LOUIS, May 31, 1890.—W. F. ALLEN, Jr., Salisbury, Md., *Dear Sir*: We have handled the Michel's Early strawberry extensively this season, and from our judgment it merits all that has been claimed for it.
Respectfully, W. J. TEMPLETON & Co.

I hear favorable reports of Michel's Early from every source where it is known, and my personal experience with it is as follows: Having great confidence in this new early berry, I sent the originator a large order for plants last spring (1890), which cost me considerable money. But had procured a few plants during summer of 1889, and when they came every root and the leaves were black as soot. However, the buds showed life, and, little expecting them to live, they were planted, with a loss of only two plants. They made some growth last fall, but no runners. The foliage kept green all the winter, and, owing to the unusually warm weather, they commenced to blossom the first of January, and by the last of January they were full of blossoms and kept blooming continually until spring opened. The blossoms that were brought out by our warm weather were all killed, of course, but, notwithstanding the great amount of blossoms that were killed, they bore a fair crop of berries of good size and superior quality, the flavor being almost the same as that of the wild strawberry, so much admired. And what is of great importance, it proved to be the earliest of all, commencing to ripen here in Maryland on May 5th, notwithstanding it was growing in an exposed place sloping to the north. One man who saw it in fruit on my place gave me his order for 30,000 plants, to be delivered in April, 1891. I believe that all growers who try this popular variety will be many times repaid. It seems to accommodate itself to any locality where strawberries are grown.

In conclusion will say that I am in possession of the largest stock of *true* Michel's Early east of the Mississippi river, and those who give me their orders, either direct or through my agents, will be sure of getting first-class plants in first-class condition and true to name.

More Praise for MICHEL'S EARLY.

Mr. BAUER, an extensive grower of Arkansas, speaks of it in the *Peninsula Horticulturist* as follows: "So far as profits were concerned, the season just passed was almost a failure. The extremely mild winter was broken the last of February by a sudden severe, cold wave, which killed all fruit buds and blossoms that were in full bloom. In setting the second crop, Michel's Early was phenomenal, coming so quickly that we consider it impossible for any other sort to come any earlier. It is the most vigorous grower of over forty sorts; it has a very perfect blossom, the best of all pollenizers; it ripens extremely early, in fact, the *earliest of all*. We repeat, we think it not possible for any strawberry to ripen any earlier. Its fruit is very large, averaging larger than Bubach No. 5 or Sharpless: its color is very distinct, being a deep pink blended with orange; this, coupled with its large size and early ripening, causes it to bring such high prices: its flavor is of the very best. That old favorite, Crescent, which was always our standby, is being replaced here altogether by Michel's Early. Our people are by no means alone in their enthusiasm over Michel's Early, but it has reached our neighboring states, and whole neighborhoods are planting it by the 20,000 to 100,000 lots, and they do it safely, too. One makes no mistake by planting it."



Eureka.

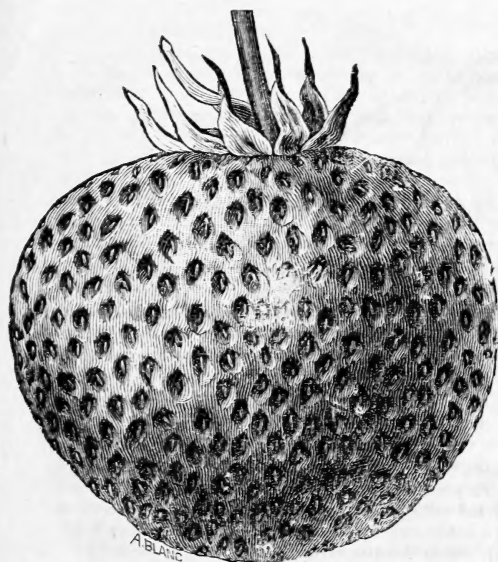
Eureka was produced from the seed of Crescent, Sharpless, Manchester and Bidwell, mixed, sown early in July, 1883. The plant fruited finely the next June, being large berries, plant vigorous, of medium size, free runners, very prolific, large berry of good quality, firm and of good shape, medium to late in ripening, pistillate flower of easy culture, withstanding drouth and heat admirably well, combining the desirable qualities of a profitable market berry; this has fruited with me five seasons and has given better satisfaction than any of the old varieties, being adapted to fruiting in the matted row.

GEORGE TOWNSEND, Originator.

The Eureka strawberry plants sent me last season have grown finely and are now ripening their fruit. I am highly pleased with it. The plants are very vigorous and are carrying a very heavy crop of very large, beautiful fruit, of fair quality. I have nothing, among perhaps one hundred varieties, which excels or even equals it in the qualities which go to constitute a good market strawberry, unless it be Bubach, which approaches it very nearly. Haverland is highly spoken of, but has not yet fruited with me.

T. T. LYON.

When you see Mr. Lyon endorse a berry like the above, you can rely on something good.



Tippecanoe.

MIAMI.—No good here; with me it is entirely worthless, and I would not advise any one to plant it. I only offer it because it is claimed to do well in some of the western states.

CRAWFORD (H).—Originated by and named after Matthew Crawford, of Ohio, who holds an enviable reputation as a strawberry expert; and I am sure Mr. Crawford would never allow it sent out did it not possess desirable qualities. He thus describes it: "The plant is very large and stalky, dark green, and free from defects. It has a perfect blossom and is a good bearer. The fruit is large to very large, somewhat irregular at first, but never coxcombed. Color bright, glossy red, and lighter within. The flesh is firm and of excellent quality, one of the best. It produces a good number of strong runners, and is a variety of decided character."

LADY RUSK.—Originated in Illinois. The firmest berry grown, having been shipped safely to Winnipeg, Canada, 1900 miles, arriving in good condition. The plants are very vigorous and free from rust, equaling the Crescent in productiveness. Highly recommended by leading authorities. Several days earlier than the Crescent.

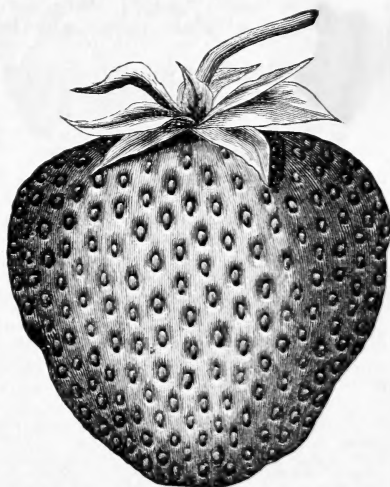
HAVERLAND.—This variety is creating quite a stir among strawberry growers on account of its great productiveness, quite equaling the Crescents in yield, nearly as large as Bubach No. 5, and at least a week earlier. The plant is a very vigorous grower. It bids fair to be a fine shipping variety, and, as it is very large and very early for a large berry, will command good prices in market for years to come. No one will ever regret planting it. I shall plant largely of it for market, as I believe it to be one of the most profitable varieties in cultivation. My stock of plants is very fine.

TIPPECANOE.—The originator speaks of it as follows: "Plant a remarkably hardy one; beautiful foliage and a free runner; fruit very large and beautiful; globe-shaped, though sometimes a little flattened; flavor rich and delicious, being one of the best; color shining red, flesh also highly colored; time of ripening the earliest I have; remarkably productive, even late runners showing large trusses of berries; stands drought exceeding well, owing to its immense masses of roots."

STEVENS has not yet fruited with me; it has made a good growth and is free from rust. The originator describes it as follows: "Earliest of all; very firm, good size, and handsome in color; loaded with fruit; stands drought, cold and wet; does not rot when overripe, like many others; a good market berry, and will ship any distance."

"ALABAMA is early, large, bright red, immensely productive, and largest of all; uniform in shape and size; stands drought, and is free from rust; continues a long time in bearing."—*Originator's description.* Has not yet fruited with me.

EDGAR QUEEN is a strong, healthy plant, a vigorous grower, entirely free from rust, and is claimed to be very large and productive. It has not yet fruited with me, but I must say it looks very promising.



Crawford.



FELTON.—This promising new berry originated with a Mr. Felton of Camden county, N. J., and is described by him as follows: "My seedling strawberry, Felton, is a strong, healthy grower, abundant bearer, of large size, solid, good quality and very productive. It is of a bright red color, has a green hull, strong stem and healthy foliage, free from rust. The plant produces an unusual number of large berries, holding their size well through the season. One berry measured $7\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches. It surpasses in size all other berries that I have fruited. Its firm texture renders it particularly desirable for long shipments, as well as for home market. The fruit brought in market last year sold for from 20 to 35 cents per quart. Staminate or perfect blossom."

BUBACH No. 5 is a beauty; such large berries and so many of them, I'm about sure, were never seen on any other variety. I consider it the most profitable of all the late varieties. Last season our first shipment of Bubach No. 5 was made on May 24th to New York and sold for 25 cents per quart while strawberries generally brought 10 and 12. Bubach No. 5 averaged over 15 cents the season through.

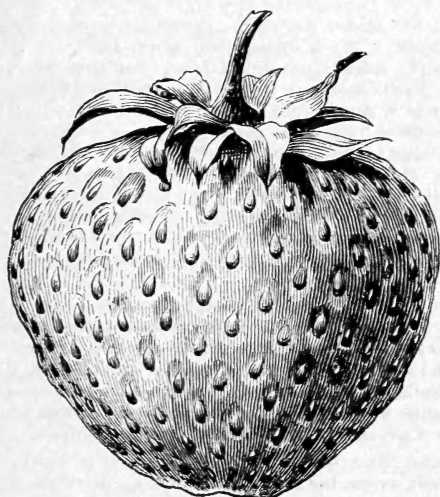
FLORENCE (illustrated on first page) is beautiful bright red, resembling the Old Wilson in shape, but a brighter red, and holds its color well after being picked, averaging half as large again. Its fruit is borne on large, strong fruit trusses, holding the berries well up from the ground. It is an excellent runner and good shipper, equaling the Old Wilson. Its beautiful, attractive appearance finds a ready sale. Its season is medium to late, with a perfect blossom. Rusts badly with me.

MRS. CLEVELAND (P) (illustrated on first page).—A new strawberry from Ohio and supposed to be a seedling of Cumberland. It is very promising, but its pale color is rather against it as a market berry. The plant is large, of vigorous growth, and a good bearer. Berry large, uniform in size and shape, pale scarlet color, only moderately firm; quality good. It is greatly praised by those who have grown it at the West and all unite in declaring it to be of large size and beautiful. Season early.

PINEAPPLE.—This berry was brought into public notice by Mr. A. H. Clark, of Dorchester county, Md., in the spring of 1888. With me it is a strong, healthy grower, abundant bearer. The plant produces an unusual number of large berries. The cap is nearly always green, being free from rust, which adds greatly to its appearance. I have a fine stock of plants of Pineapple this season that cannot fail to give satisfaction to those who wish to try it.

WARFIELD No. 2 (P) is larger than the Wilson, equally as fine and of the same dark, glossy color. The plants are stronger growers and more productive than the Crescent, of which it is probably a seedling. The Warfield ripens early and may be planted alongside the Wilson or Jessie as fertilizers. It will probably suit the masses generally better than Bubach, as it is better colored and firmer. These two varieties stand head and shoulders above everything else with us, and we give opinions of other growers. But they are pistillates and require some perfect flowered variety near them. E. W. Reid, of Ohio, says: "This variety we give our preference and think our judgment will be sustained by a proper test of the fruit. Not only is it of a good size, but its color, firmness, flavor and production make it quite valuable. We this year watched it very closely and found it to hold its size better than any variety and would say to all growers, try Warfield No. 2." M. Crawford, Ohio: "Whoever has this may congratulate himself, for it is a very valuable sort and more likely than any other to supersede the Crescent. With us it is equal to that variety in health, growth and productiveness, while it is far superior in size, beauty and fineness. It is wonderfully productive and continues of good size for a long time. It has a tart, agreeable flavor." M. T. Thompson, Ohio: "This berry we find all that was ever claimed for it; very productive, a bright, glossy color, resembling the Great American, and for shipping it stands one of the best. It certainly is worthy of trial everywhere, whether you want it for shipping or home market. From our own experience, too much has not been said of this berry. We saw the berry shipped to Chicago in splendid condition, and sold before berries would arrive, so great was the demand."

DAISY is medium size, productive and a very fine grower. Mr. A. H. Clark, of Cambridge, Md., speaks of it as follows: "This variety succeeded beyond my expectations; without a doubt it is a fine berry, being fully as productive as Crescent, berries one-third larger, holding the size well on to last pickings. Firmer than Crescent and of a beautiful crimson in color. Commands a good price in market."



Jessie.

clean foliage and very productive; fruit globular, medium in size, bright scarlet color, firm and of excellent quality. One of the best of the standard early sorts and valuable for market.

GANDY.—I have fruited this variety and find it to be a valuable late variety. J. T. Lovett speaks of it as follows: "This is the best and finest late strawberry yet introduced, and we find it to be the favorite late variety with fruit growers all over the country. By its use the season of strawberries is extended by nearly two weeks. Among all the new varieties of the past few years there is none that has so successfully run the gauntlet of public opinion or so quickly become a leading popular sort. It has *perfect blossoms*, is prolific in bearing, and in vigor and growth is peerless, equaling Sharpless in strength of plant, and never rusts, scalds or burns in the leaf, no matter how hot or wet the weather. The berries are of large, uniform size and shape, of bright crimson color, very handsome and showy, of superior quality, very firm, and ripen two weeks after Sharpless. As a market berry it has no equal; its very large size, striking beauty, exceeding firmness, excellent quality, lateness and long continuance in bearing, make it, beyond all question, the most profitable berry of them all. It is so late that it does not begin to get ripe until almost all others are done. For the home table it is equally valuable; its fine quality, beauty and size rendering it a universal favorite."

PEARL.—"A variety that has given good satisfaction under ordinary cultivation and is likely to prove profitable as a good early market sort. The plant is a vigorous grower and a good bearer. Berries large, bright glossy crimson, conical, firm and of good flavor. It possesses many points of excellence and is well worthy of extensive trial. It does well under ordinary culture and is well adapted to general cultivation—a merit that market growers are quick to recognize. Early."—*J. T. Lovett*. "This berry has fruited here but one season, and under adverse circumstances, but produced a crop that might be considered good in a favorable season, as it withstood the drouth almost perfectly. The plants are healthy and productive, while the fruit, although not large, is above medium and very uniform in size and regular in outline, making a good appearance in the baskets. Further trial is necessary before speaking advisedly concerning it, but the indications are that it will be suitable for general planting. Commercial growers will do well to give it a trial."—*Bulletin No. 5, O. Ag. Exp. Sta., Aug., '88*.

DAVIS is a strong grower, with luxuriant dark green foliage, somewhat resembling Burt Seedling in growth of plant, but, unlike that variety, does not rust. The fruit is of medium size and very much resembles the old Wilson. It is very productive and worthy of a trial.

HULBERT is a strong and vigorous grower, entirely free from rust, and is claimed by the originator to be medium size, *immensely* productive and a good shipper. It has not yet fruited here.

HOFFMAN is a reliable, early berry. Last season it ripened here one week ahead of Crystal City. It is very firm, good quality, but rather a shy bearer.

JESSIE.—With me it is not entirely satisfactory. They run down quick, and so many of the blossoms blight or fail to make fruit that I find it not productive enough to be profitable; however, in some sections it seems to do well. M. Crawford speaks of it as follows: "This is certainly one of the finest strawberries ever introduced. With us the plant is healthy, large, of a beautiful color, a good runner—indeed, all that could be asked. The fruit is of fine form, large size, splendid quality and appearance, and there is an abundance of it. Unfortunately a number of adverse reports have come in, most of them complaining of the plants making a poor growth. We formerly placed it at the head of the list, but now put it second, not because it fell in our estimation, but because the Bubach rose."

CLOUD SEEDLING (P).—One of the southern varieties recommended for shipment to northern markets. It has not behaved, however, at the North as well as might have been expected from the description given of it at its home, and does not fulfill its claim to extreme earliness. The berries are of good size, handsome and firm, but the plant is only fairly productive. It does well on light soil. Early to midseason.

MAY KING.—A seedling of the Crescent, with a perfect blossom. Plant vigorous and healthy, with

CRESCENT.—Too well known to need any description. I have a large stock of true plants, and those who want them will do well to send me their order.

BELMONT.—Large, vigorous, good flavor and color, productive, valuable, ripens with Sharpless. Should be given good soil.

WILSON (true).—I have a fine stock of true Wilson, and where it will succeed many growers find it yet one of the most profitable.

PRICE-LIST.

Plants at dozen rates will be sent by mail, postpaid. When 100 or more plants are to go by mail, add 20 cents per 100 for postage. This is often cheaper on small orders to distant customers than to have plants go by express.

	12.	100.	1,000.		12.	100.	1,000.
Lovett's Early.....	\$2 00	\$10 00	\$75 00	Eureka (P).....	0 15	\$0 00	\$4 00
STEVENS.....	75	2 50	20 00	Daisy (P).....	15	00	4 00
Alabama.....	75	2 50	20 00	Gandy.....	15	00	4 00
Lady Rusk (P).....	50	2 00	15 00	Belmont.....	15	00	4 00
Edgar Queen.....	1 00	6 00	50 00	Pearl.....	10	40	3 00
Tippecanoe.....	50	2 00	15 00	Jessie.....	10	40	3 00
Felton.....	40	1 50	10 00	Hulbert.....	10	40	3 00
Mrs. Cleveland (P).....	75	3 00	25 00	Davis.....	10	40	3 00
Florence.....	50	2 50	20 00	Pineapple.....	10	40	3 00
Great Pacific (P).....	1 00	6 00		Miami (P) (no good here).....	10	40	
Crawford.....	20	75	5 00	May King.....	10	30	2 00
MICHEL'S EARLY.....	15	00	4 00	Hoffman.....	10	30	2 50
Bubach No. 5 (P).....	15	00	4 00	Wilson (true).....	10	30	2 00
Haverland (P).....	15	00	4 00	Cloud (P).....	10	30	2 00
Warfield No. 2 (P).....	15	00	4 00	Crescent (P).....	10	30	2 00

Those marked (P) are pistillate and should be planted near some perfect flowering sort to fruit them.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

By MAIL—Postpaid.

COLLECTION A.—12 Michel's Early, 12 Bubach No. 5, 12 Haverland, 12 Warfield No. 2, 12 Eureka, 12 Gandy, 12 Crawford; for \$1.

COLLECTION B.—12 Stevens, 12 Alabama; for \$1.

COLLECTION C.—12 Michel's Early, 6 Lovett's Early; for \$1.

COLLECTION D.—12 Michel's Early, 12 Edgar Queen; for \$1.

COLLECTION E.—12 Michel's Early, 12 Felton, 12 Florence; for \$1.

COLLECTION F.—12 Michel's Early, 12 Tippecanoe, 12 Lady Rusk; for \$1.

By EXPRESS—Receiver to Pay Charges.

COLLECTION G.—100 Michel's Early, 100 Warfield No. 2; for \$1.

COLLECTION H.—50 Crawford, 50 Haverland, 50 Jessie, 50 Bubach No. 2; for \$1.

COLLECTION I.—50 Crawford, 50 Eureka, 50 Pineapple, 50 Daisy; for \$1.

COLLECTION J.—50 Pearl, 50 Hulbert, 50 Davis, 50 Pineapple, 50 May King, 50 Hoffman; all for \$1.

COLLECTION K.—50 Stevens, 50 Alabama, 50 Michel's Early; for \$2.50.

COLLECTION L.—25 Lovett's Early, 25 Stevens, 25 Alabama, 25 Tippecanoe, 25 Lady Rusk, 25 Florence, 25 Michel's Early; all for only \$5.

When ordering the above collections, please order by the letters A, B, C, D, etc.

TESTIMONIALS.

Below I present a few of the many testimonials that I am continually receiving from all parts of the country:

QUEEN'S COUNTY, N. Y., April 22, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Strawberry plants arrived in good order; send us another one thousand "first season" strawberry plants.
Yours, V. H. HALLOCK & SON.

ULSTER COUNTY, N. Y., April 22, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Strawberry plants reached me Friday at 8 P. M.; they were nice plants, well packed and liberal count, for which please accept thanks. Will send you another order next spring.
GEO. W. PHILLIPS.

GENEVA, N. Y., April 21, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* I have the pleasure of acknowledging for the station the receipt of plants of Tippecanoe and Michel's Early; plants in good condition.
Yours very respectfully, PETER COLLIER, Director.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MD., April 23, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The plants were received last Friday, and I like them very much.
Yours very truly, RANDOLPH HUMPHREYS.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MD., May 1, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The plants I ordered of you came to hand all right and in good order. They were nice plants, with extra good roots. Thanks for the extra good count.
Yours truly, GEO. W. BELL.

BUCKS COUNTY, PA., January 8, 1891.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The strawberry plants were received on the 6th inst. in most excellent condition. They were very fine plants and were packed in a business-like manner.
Very truly, SAMUEL WILSON.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MD., April 26, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The 11,000 Hoffman, 2,000 Jessie and 1,000 Michel's Early strawberry plants received last evening and planted to-day. I was very much pleased with the quality of the plants and the manner in which they were packed.
Respectfully, A. FRANK TURNER.

MADISON COUNTY, O., April 14, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* I write this to acknowledge receipt and express thanks for prompt arrival of plants, all in good condition.
Yours respectfully, W. D. WOOD.

WEBER COUNTY, UTAH, April 8, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The strawberry plants received in good condition. Am well pleased.
Respectfully, VICTOR RENO.

SUMMIT COUNTY, O., April 7, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The Tippecanoe plants arrived on Saturday in good order. Thanks.
Yours truly, M. CRAWFORD.

DENVER, COLO., September 19, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The plants came to hand in good shape on the 16th inst. I am well pleased with them; I have never seen finer plants. Please accept my thanks for the extras.
Yours respectfully, A. TUCK.

BLACK HAWK COUNTY, IA., April 27, 1887.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* I received my plants to-day, and they were in splendid condition; they were one day longer on the road than plants ordered from New York, but came in much better condition and were nicer plants. I will recommend you to those here in my business.
Yours, DAVID JOHNSON.

ADAMS COUNTY, O., April 20, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* I received the plants to-day; they are in splendid condition—so much better than I expected them to be. I did not look for such large plants as they are. Many thanks for the "gratis" plants and the generous count. I did not expect to get half so many plants as you sent for the money. I will recommend you to any one wanting anything in your line.
Very respectfully, MISS JENNIE ALDRED.

DE KALB COUNTY, GA., March 6, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Strawberry plants received yesterday in good order and fresh looking.
Respectfully, MRS. M. A. LOVEJOY.

MOORESTOWN, N. J., May 10, 1887.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The 1,000 Parry sent to me from your grounds came through promptly and in splendid condition. I can certainly recommend your mode of packing first-class stock, and liberal count.
Very respectfully, C. H. PERKINS.

WHITE COUNTY, ARK., April 23, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The strawberry plants arrived all O. K., and they were set out, and most all of them are living, although it has been very dry on them.
Yours respectfully, W. B. BALLEW.

COPIAH COUNTY, MISS., March 3, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Plants received in the best of order. Jessie splendid, also the Hoffman.
Very truly, W. A. MASON.

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD., April 23, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Plants were all satisfactory.
Yours, WM. T. SOMERS.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILL., April 17, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Plants came to hand to-day in good condition. I am satisfied with them.
Yours truly, F. T. FLANAGAN.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, O., April 28, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Plants received to-day, and I am very much pleased with them. They are as fine as I ever received. Please accept thanks for prompt attention to my order and such nice plants.
Yours respectfully, JOSEPH FULWILER.

TESTIMONIALS (CONTINUED).

KING WILLIAM COUNTY, VA., September 11, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The plants came in splendid condition. I was pleased with your way of packing, as it makes the bulk and weight as small as possible in shipping, making express charges light. When I want more you will hear from me.
Yours respectfully,
CHARLES BELL.

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD., April 14, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The plants were received in good condition, and I must say they were packed and fixed up in the very best shape. I am very much pleased with the Hoffman.
Yours truly,
B. K. GREEN.

CECIL COUNTY, MD., April 28, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The strawberry plants came duly to hand. Good plants, in good order, and all are set out and doing well. Should I want other articles in your line, shall be pleased to call on you for them.
Yours truly,
JAS. C. BELL.

FLOYD COUNTY, IA., May 5, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The strawberry plants were received in very good condition and were entirely satisfactory.
Yours truly,
C. G. PATTEN.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, O., April 14, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Plants came as if just taken up. Am well pleased.
Yours,
GEORGE MUMMA.

NORFOLK COUNTY, VA., April 15, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Please send 1,500 Jessie strawberry plants. The other plants arrived in good order and were very nice.
Yours, A. J. TRUITT.

ACCOMACK COUNTY, VA., July 12, 1888.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* We received the plants from you in good order and found an overcount.
Yours truly,
FARLOW BROS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 9, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The 1,000 strawberry plants came in fine condition.
Respectfully,
GREEN'S NURSERY CO.

NEW YORK, N. Y., February 5, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Plants were received February 2, 1890, in good order.
Respectfully,
PETER HENDERSON.

WICOMICO COUNTY, MD., April 13, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The package of strawberry plants you sent me I received last Saturday; they were nice plants, nicely packed, and I am well pleased with them.
Yours respectfully,
BILLY F. FARLOW.

SALISBURY, MD., March, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* Plants received in the best of order. The Jessie and the Hoffman splendid.
Very truly,
A. W. WOODCOCK.

SALISBURY, MD., October 2, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The plants bought of you in the spring were received in good order and were extra nice plants; I was very much pleased with them.
Yours truly,
R. E. POWELL.

SALISBURY, MD., October 2, 1890.—*W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:* The strawberry plants I received of you were extra in every particular, and am much pleased with them. Respectfully,
JAMES CANNON.

IN CONCLUSION.

I beg leave to ask at least a trial order from all who receive this catalogue. I sell many thousands of plants to the largest and most popular nurserymen in this country, who order regularly from me year after year. Some of them even send me their orders twelve months in advance, thus proving, beyond a doubt, that my plants always give entire satisfaction. Let me hear from you.

Thanking the public for their generous patronage in the past, and soliciting a continuance of the same, I am,

Yours faithfully,

W. F. ALLEN, Jr.